

# Atlantic Canada in focus

by Scott Randall

The eighth Atlantic Canada Workshop, held at Dalhousie this past week, showed what a great region Atlantic Canada is. It also improved understanding between the many disciplines involved.

Over the course of three days, researchers presented papers on their studies of Atlantic Canada. Organizer Suzanne Morton described the papers as "outstanding," remarking that it is good such high quality work is being done on the subject.

The workshop, which ran from September 28 to October 1, discussed the resources, heritage, and community of Atlantic Canada. Most of the papers were given by graduate students in fields as diverse as history, archives, folklore, architecture, geography, economics, english, archaeology, sociology, and other social sciences. Researchers came from institutions in the Atlantic provinces as well as from the universities of Carleton, Queen's, Ottawa, and from as far away as Oxford in the United Kingdom.

One of the highlights of the workshop was an excellent and well-received paper by Dalhousie professor Judith Fingard on the anti-cruelty movement in the Maritimes.

The workshop was organized by Jane Guildford and Suzanne Morton, both PhD students in

history at Dalhousie. Morton said that planning began two years ago at the last workshop in Fredericton. She also stated that there were some problems in organizing the workshop because many programs' funding is so variable that some programs are cut while others are funded.

The workshop was started in 1977 by graduate students working in geography and anthropology who wanted to bring more attention to the subjects they were

studying. As well, the workshops bring together people who are interested in where area studies are headed. It also gives researchers the chance to communicate ideas across to disciplines that might not normally be in contact.

At the wrap-up panel discussion on Saturday many of the researchers expressed a desire to move away from the confines of academia and include more of the general public in the workshop.

## U of T student paid to protest

by Karen Luscombe

**TORONTO(CUP)** - A squatter in his 40th day of protesting Victoria College's proposed hotel development plan has been given \$66 — one week's rent — by another student.

Fourth year history and classics student Greg Sewell is challenging the college administration's order that 29 students leave three residences to clear the way for a luxury hotel. He was recently billed by Victoria College for rent during his illicit sit-in.

Rick Campbell, a part-time University of Toronto student, donated \$66 towards Sewell's rent

last week.

"Well, I've got the money, a job ... I can afford to pay one week. Maybe that'll help him. Maybe somebody else will contribute," said Campbell.

He also hopes the gesture will embarrass the U of T student council into supporting Sewell.

The college, affiliated to the University of Toronto, wants to lease the land to developers Huang and Danczay Ltd for \$1 million a year. The money from the deal will go toward renovations, a new residence, and funding academic programs, according to administrators.

# CUP BRIEFS

## Underaged students not allowed in pub

**TORONTO (CUP)** — An experiment which allowed under-aged students into pubs by forcing legal drinkers to wear plastic hospital bracelets is over.

Innis College, affiliated with the University of Toronto, introduced the new system last year. Campus Beverage Services (CBS) cancelled the program this summer.

"People were drinking who shouldn't have been drinking," said CBS assistant manager Peter Smith.

But Martha MacEachern, president of the college's student council, said the program worked well. And Innis pub organizer Rick Campbell said he could only remember one under-age drinking incident last year.

Officials at the Liquor Licence Board of Ontario also say the university could be violating the Ontario Human Rights Code by denying minors entry to campus pubs and events.

"The Human Rights Code says that (with a dining lounge licence) you can't force underage people to stay away. They're entitled to be admitted," said LLBO lawyer Steve Grannum.

The dining lounge licences held by most campus cafeterias allow those under 19 to enter, but not to drink. But it is common practice for student pub bouncers to throw them out.

Campbell said the CBS move is the result of university administrative pressure. Lawsuits are making other university administrations liable for alcohol-related accidents.

Debbie Brown, manager of Dalhousie's Grawood Lounge, said that those under 19 are denied entrance whether food is being served or not. "Things are much easier up there," she said, adding that such a system could not be used in Nova Scotia because the laws here are completely different.

## Amnesty International march in Montreal

by Ralph Cochrane

**MONTREAL (CUP)** — Led by a mock military junta, over 1,500 students marched through town two weeks ago during this city's Amnesty International awareness campaign.

Marchers chanted "Avec Amnistie, ca marche ... liberte, liberte, liberte!" (Amnesty works, freedom!), and encouraged passing motorists to sound their horns in support.

The event began with several political prisoners, who believe they were freed through Amnesty letter-writing campaigns, recounting their prison ordeals.

The non-partisan human rights group is celebrating the 40th anniversary of the United Nations' Charter of Rights and Freedoms with a series of concerts world-wide.

Over half the member states of the United Nations infringe on their citizens' rights and freedoms, according to Amnesty. But Amnesty, which refuses to push for the release of gay and lesbian prisoners of conscience, jailed because of their sexual preference, is being boycotted itself by some lobby groups.

## Tough fire regulations force out students

**TORONTO (CUP)** — If University of Toronto professors kick students out of class this fall, it could be because they're worried about a lawsuit.

Spanish professor John Davies asked three students to leave a first year class September 14. They were not officially registered in the course and the classroom was filled to capacity.

A directive from Arts and Science dean Robin Armstrong this month told professors they will be responsible for the size of their classes. Failure to comply with city fire regulations by letting too many students into a classroom or lecture hall could result in fines or lawsuits.

"We hadn't realized it before now, but if a class is overcrowded and a student suffers an injury, the professor can be blamed," history professor Trevor Lloyd said.

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No consensus was reached among the library committee and the proposal will be discussed further though no future time has been set.

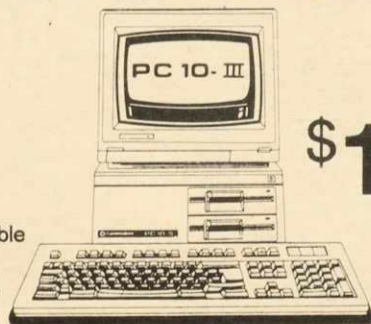
Students could photocopy journals in the library but Inegbedion says that there are not

many photocopiers in the library and that they are often broken down. As well, many graduate students have access to photocopiers in their departments where they can charge photocopying to their research accounts. In this way they can save the 8¢ per copy it would cost in the library even with the debit card system.

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